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The Honorable Duncan Hunter  
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Under the authority contained in 10 USC 2805, the Navy plans to provide Unspecified Minor MILCON funding for a Facility Conversion for Commander Second Fleet Ashore Headquarters Facility, Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia, as described in the enclosure, subject to expiration of the Congressional notification period.

Identical letters have been sent to the Senate Armed Services and the House and Senate Appropriations Committees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Wayne Army", is positioned above the typed name.

Wayne Army  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
(Installations & Facilities)

Enclosure

Copy to:  
The Honorable Ike Skelton

Notification  
of the  
Intention to Proceed with  
MILCON Projects

The Department of the Navy proposes to authorize the obligation of funds for the following Unspecified Minor MILCON project:

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<u>State/Installation</u>	<u>(\$000)</u>	<u>Requirement and Description</u>
Virginia Naval Station Norfolk (P-771)	1,490	Commander Second Fleet Ashore Headquarters Facility. Naval Station Norfolk, requires a shore facility to provide command and coordination liaison activities upon the loss of the USS Mount Whitney, the command flagship for Commander Second Fleet (COMSECONDFLT). The Navy Flagships will be reduced from four to two by the first quarter of fiscal year 2005. At that time, the USS Mount Whitney will be transferred to Commander Sixth Fleet, requiring COMSECONDFLT to operate from ashore. Without this project, the dispersal of command personnel across multiple facilities will continue to have a negative effect on COMSECONDFLT and Commander Striking Fleet Atlantic readiness and ability to optimally conduct joint and combined exercises.